

Councilman LaValle Joins VFW, FDNY and the Gary Sinise Foundation to Present Zoom Bike to Lance Corporal Billy Ventura

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Farmingville, NY – On December 3, Councilman Kevin LaValle (right photo, left) attended an event hosted by the Farmingville VFW Memorial Post 400, at which the Fire Department of New York and the Gary Sinise Foundation presented Selden resident, USMC Lance Corporal William "Billy" Ventura, with a motorized zoom bike.

"It was an honor to join VFW Post 400, the Fire Department of New York, and the Gary Sinise Foundation to present Billy with his new Zoom Bike. Many veterans like him have made great sacrifices in the defense of our country and we need to make sure they have the resources they need be productive citizens after their service ends."

In July of 2013, Lance Corporal Ventura, who is paralyzed from the waist down, was involved in a hit and run motorcycle accident and treated for a fractured vertebrae, crushed spinal cord, collapsed lung, and lacerated internal organs. In November of this year, Councilman LaValle was on hand when Building Homes for Heroes welcomed Ventura and his family to their newly renovated handicap accessible home in Selden. In 2011, the Ventura's son Jerome passed away while also serving in the Marines.

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